

pretext for dispensation. (To Henry Guest, 1809. C. V., 407.) SALARIES.—Be assured we are the lowest and most obscure of the whole diplomatic tribe. When I was in Congress, I chose never to intermeddle on the subject of salary, first because I was told the eyes of some were turned on me for this office (Minister to France); and secondly, because I was really ignorant what might be its expenses. * * * I live here about as well as we did at Annapolis. I keep a hired carriage and two horses. A riding horse I cannot afford to keep. This still is far below the level, and return when I will to America I shall be in debt the outfit to Congress. I think I am the first instance in the world where it has not been given. * * * I ask nothing for my time; but think my expenses should be paid in a style equal to that of those with whom I am classed. (Ta James Madison, 1784. F. IV., 12.)

SALVATION.—The care of every man's soul belongs to himself. But what if he neglect the care of it? Well, what if he neglect the care of his health or estate, which more nearly relate to the state? Will the magistrate make a law that he shall not be poor or sick? Laws provide against injury from others; but not from ourselves, God himself will not save men against their wills. (From Notes on Religion, 1776. F. II., 100.)

SECESSION.—In every free and deliberating society there must from the very nature of man be opposite parties, and violent dissensions and discords; and one of those for the most part must prevail over the other for a longer or a shorter time. Perhaps this party division is necessary to induce each to watch and debate to the people the proceedings of the other. But if on a temporary superiority of one party the other is to resort to a scission of the Union, no federation can ever exist. If to rid ourselves of the present rule of Massachusetts and Connecticut we break the Union, will the evil stop there? Suppose the New England States alone cut off, will our nature be changed? Are we not men still to the south of that? And with all the passions of men? Immediately, we shall see a Pennsylvania and a Virginia party arise in the Residuary Confederacy, and the public mind will be distracted with the same